



# Earth Day 2006

## News Release

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### **RHODE ISLANDERS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN EARTH DAY CLEANUPS**

#### **Several Scheduled for School Vacation Week**

PROVIDENCE - The Department of Environmental Management and the Earth Day Rhode Island Committee encourage all Rhode Islanders to roll up their sleeves and join a neighborhood cleanup in celebration of Earth Day 2006. More than 100 cleanups are planned throughout the state during April. Cleanups scheduled for the week of April 17<sup>th</sup> include:

- ♦ **Foster-** Tuesday, April 18. Meet: 86 Foster Center Road Time:TBA. For more information contact Beth Stone at 397-9242 or [csfhorse@aol.com](mailto:csfhorse@aol.com) . Sponsored by Cornerstone Crew 4-H Club.
- ♦ **Bristol** – Wednesday, April 19. Meet: Audubon Environmental Education Ctr. at 10am. For more information contact Kristen Swanberg 245-7500 or [kswanberg@asri.org](mailto:kswanberg@asri.org). Sponsored by Audubon Society of RI.
- ♦ **Providence** - Wednesday, April 19. Meet: Hartford Park Community Center at 10am. For more information contact Judy Walker 709-6403 or [judyw@pha-providence.com](mailto:judyw@pha-providence.com). Sponsored by Providence Community Opportunity Corporation.
- ♦ **Westerly** - Wednesday, April 19. Meet: Grills Preserve at 8am. For more information contact Vivian Maxon 377-8489 or [BTBW-Nature-Center@excite.com](mailto:BTBW-Nature-Center@excite.com). Sponsored by Born To Be Wild Nature Center.

The Earth Day Rhode Island Committee will host Rhode Island's Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am-5pm at the Warwick Mall. Free Transportation to the Earth Day Festival from Kennedy Plaza to Warwick Mall on RIPTA routes 22 & 30. Ask for you free ride Earth Day sticker at the Kennedy Plaza Information Booth while supplies last. Spend the day with environmental organizations focused on a wide range of global and local conservation issues and learn how to practice environmental stewardship in your own backyard to positively impact the earth. There will be informative displays and hands-on exhibits, free give-a-ways and

family entertainment – featuring an appearance by Ponaganset High School Fuel Cell Powered Band - Protium, free give-a-ways, Big Nazo characters and more. Meet NBC 10 Meteorologist Dylan Dryer at 10:30 am.

Earth Day in Rhode Island is coordinated by Earth Day RI and DEM. Co-sponsors include Warwick Rhode Island, NBC 10, RI Resource Recovery Corporation, Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, Verizon, TransCanada's Ocean State Power facility, Amgen, American Power Conversion, CVS Pharmacy, WasteXpress, AAA of Southern New England, and RI State Energy Office.

Earth Day RI supports and promotes year round environmental education and awareness in the Ocean State. The organization encourages Rhode Islanders to raise their environmental consciousness by committing to "Take 3" steps to improve their environment. "Take 3" is a call to action which suggests dozens of ways to save energy, conserve water, reduce waste and respect nature. For further information about Take 3 and other Earth Day RI-sponsored programs and activities, please visit [www.earthdayri.org](http://www.earthdayri.org).